

# Both Russians and Germans Admit No Important Change in East

heavier bodies of troops, they came on again, and with such fury that the French were compelled to retire.

## FRENCH ROUT GERMAN IN A NIGHT ATTACK

But the Germans were not long in possession of the trenches, which by this time were almost utterly demolished. The French reformed and directed a night counterattack, which resulted in the routing of the Germans. Meanwhile, the fighting on the French right was continuing, with the town itself the field of battle. During the night the French fought their way into the town, taking possession of the church square. The German reserves directed a counterattack in force, and there was heavy fighting in the open, in which the bayonet was used by both sides in the dark.

The French here also were compelled to retire, but, as in the fighting on the hill, they reformed and retook the neighborhood of the cathedral, digging themselves in. In late reports they were holding their advance against violent counterattacks of the Germans. On the rest of the front, artillery duels continue, despite the heavy rains. A number of German batteries have been silenced, and at one point along the Aisne and in the Champagne region the French guns were advanced until the German reserves were brought into range and their reserve positions of several important points of German support have been taken in the region of Perthes and Mesnil-les-Hurlus.

Everywhere the French guns maintained their superiority over the German batteries. An admission of temporary German success was made by the French War office in chronicling the action along the front on the right, on the French right, but it was met by such sturdy resistance that the attack failed. However, in the forest of Le Pretre, to the north of the forest of Mesnil-les-Hurlus, the French troops continue to make gains and to hold the advanced positions taken.

## GERMANS DEFEATED BY TURKISH TROOPS

PETROGRAD, January 4 (via London, 7:25 P. M.).—Turkish troops whose defeat by Russian forces was announced on December 22, when they attempted to invade Russia for Persian territory, are now reported to be ravaging the region south of Lake Urmiah, in Northwestern Persia. Hastily assembled levies of Persian troops sent against the Turks were defeated. A protest was made some time ago to Turkey by the Persian government. It is said that no reply has been received.

## GERMANS FAIL IN ATTEMPT TO GAIN

PETROGRAD, January 3.—An official communication issued to-night by the general staff of the Russian army regarding fighting in Poland and Galicia, said:

"A strong artillery combat has been fought all along the front of the left bank of the Vistula. The attempt of the Germans to gain ground in certain places in the region of the Bzura River was without success."

"On the night of January 2 we discovered the presence of German troops in the region of the Bzura River and Skarpetka. Strongly resisted the advance of the German troops, and our soldiers repulsed them. The German troops were driven back without firing a shot, and at the same time our soldiers captured a number of German prisoners and a considerable amount of booty."

"On January 3, at 10 P. M., a German offensive was repulsed near Skarpetka, southeast of Lodz. The German assault was repulsed with considerable losses by the Russian troops, and a considerable amount of booty was captured."

"The fighting continued during the night of January 3, continuing until daylight. The German troops were repulsed in dislodging the enemy from some of the trenches which they had previously taken."

"South of the Bzura River fighting took place at Skarpetka and Goscinek, west of Lodz, and also southeast of Malogorz, near Voluin, where we repulsed all attacks of the enemy."

"In Galicia the fighting around Gorlice and Karkierz continued."

"In the region of the Usok Pass and Hovskoi (south of Lisko) we have made progress. We drove back the enemy, who had in great disorder. We captured 2,000 prisoners and some material. Several companies of the Austrians surrendered in a body. In their retreat to Usok the Austrians abandoned arms and ammunition."

"Our offensive in Bukovina continues."

## The Formidable Sunk by German Submarine

BERLIN, January 4 (by wireless to Saville).—An official announcement made public through the official press bureau to-day says: "A German submarine boat reported by wireless to the admiralty in Berlin that it has torpedoed and sunk in the English Channel off Plymouth the British battleship Formidable."

"The submarine was pursued by British destroyers, but escaped undamaged."

and brought under their fire reserve forces of the enemy. We became possessed of several points of support held by the Germans in the regions of Perthes, and of Mesnil-les-Hurlus. "Between the Argonne and the Meuse, as well as on the heights of the Meuse, there was intermittent cannonading. An effort made yesterday morning by our troops to occupy Houerouilles did not succeed."

"Our advance continued in the forest of Le Pretre, which is to the north-west of Pont-a-Mousson. "In upper Alsace we occupied an important height to the west of Cernay. A counterattack by the enemy was repulsed."

"In Steinbach we have taken possession of the vicinity of the church and of the cemetery. "The following official communication was issued by the War Office to-night: "The only reports which have been received up to the present have reference to the fighting in the region of Cernay (Sennheim). "Last night our troops last, then regained the territory around the church at Steinbach. This morning they occupied the entire village. "The German works west of Cernay, captured by us yesterday, were lost for a brief period following a very violent counterattack, but the Germans were not able to maintain it, and this position remains in our hands."

## GERMAN

BERLIN, January 4 (by wireless to London, 10:12 P. M.).—Steinbach, the Alsatian town on the heights between Thann and Sennheim, for which desperate fighting has been going on for several days, was officially admitted by the German army headquarters' statement to-day to have been captured by the French.

The French also took possession of the heights to the west of Sennheim, but the Germans, in a counterattack with the bayonet, succeeded in regaining the position. The statement says the situation in the east is unchanged.

## AUSTRIAN

VIENNA, January 4 (via Amsterdam to London, 10:12 P. M.).—The following official communication was issued to-night:

"In severe battles in the district south of Gorlice, fought under the worst weather conditions, our brave troops asserted themselves through getting possession of a high line of hills, a base for further operations. "In the Carpathians there has been no change. "In the upper Uge Valley there have been only small engagements. "During the battles in the northern theatre at Christmas we captured thirty-seven officers and 12,595 men."

## RUSSIAN

PETROGRAD, January 4.—The official communication issued from general headquarters to-night, follows: "During January 3, no important change took place on the left bank of the Vistula. In many sections there have been the usual artillery engagements and secondary action."

"More desperate fighting took place on the right of January 3-4, in the region of Bolimow, where the Germans, after an energetic attack, forced one of our trenches, but were immediately dislodged from it by our counterattack, abandoning a machine gun and a number of prisoners."

"In West Galicia on January 2, we made progress again, taking more than 1,000 Austrian prisoners and several cannon and machine guns. In the

region of Usok Pass we took an equal number of prisoners and captured forty guns and rapid firers. In this action an entire Austrian battalion, with eleven officers, surrendered. In this region, with the chief wounded, and all documents fell into our hands. "On our extreme left wing our troops passing through the whole of Bukowina, have occupied the town of Suczawa, one verst (two-thirds of a mile) distant from the Austro-Rumanian frontier."

TO CO-OPERATE ON PLANS FOR NATIONAL DEFENSE

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report of the hearing is a statement of naval expenditures for the current fiscal year, showing that while the United States appropriated \$141,572,730, Great Britain appropriated \$290,000,000, Germany (April to March), \$114,000,000; France (January to December), \$124,000,000; Japan (April to March), \$69,000,000; Italy (July 1 to June 30), \$57,000,000. Total appropriations on account of the navy in this country from 1794 to 1914, inclusive, were shown to aggregate \$3,671,179,555.

Representative Gardner submitted to the Military Committee a series of letters exchanged by himself and Secretary Garrison in the past two or three weeks. Mr. Garrison, replying to a letter from Mr. Gardner, stated that the twelve-inch guns of this country's coast defenses, wrote that foreign guns carry at their maximum elevation 21,000 yards, while "our twelve-inch guns on their standard carriage carry 13,000 yards, but could be mounted so as to carry a similar distance to the foreign guns. It would take ten months to make the change."

Mr. Garrison said there were no fourteen-inch guns now in the coast defense of the United States proper, but that four such guns were being constructed for installation on the Pacific Coast. He said that there were no guns of a larger size, except the sixteen-inch gun destined for the Panama Canal. He explained that there were two fourteen-inch guns already mounted in the Panama Canal fortification and eight more being mounted.

## HAVE ON HAND 550,000 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION

"There now are in our possession," the secretary added, "824 modern field guns and howitzers, 226 additional ones appropriated for and under manufacture, a total of 860. We have on hand or under manufacture 550,000 rounds of ammunition for these guns and howitzers."

Chairman Hay remarked to Mr. Gardner during the hearing to-day that the British army reserve when the European war broke out "didn't amount to a row of pins" and that it was impracticable to get a reserve except in countries where there is a compulsory service. "As a matter of history," added Mr. Hay, "both the Federal and Confederate governments had to resort to conscription."

## LEGISLATORS GATHER FOR OPENING SESSION

Officers for General Assembly Will Be Selected at Democratic Caucus To-Day.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] RALEIGH, N. C., January 4.—The eve of the Democratic caucus for the selection of officers for the General Assembly, which will convene on Wednesday, finds twelve Senators and fifty Representatives here, and every train is bringing recruits. Max Gardner, of Cleveland, candidate for president pro tem of the Senate, claims that he will win over F. P. Hobgood, Jr., of Guilford.

In the contest for Speaker of the House the fight centres around E. R. Wooten, of Lenoir, and T. C. Bowie, of Ashe, with A. A. F. Seawell, of Lee, and L. H. Allred, of Johnston, completing the quartet of candidates. Seawell and Allred believe that in the probable deadlock between Wooten and Bowie, one or the other of them will get away with the prize.

Governor Craik is putting the finishing touches on his message, which will be a document of only about eighteen typewritten pages, much shorter than the average Governor's message in the past.

## DEICHES IS ARRAIGNED FOR PASSPORT FRAUD

New York Lawyer Released on \$5,000 Bail for Hearing on January 11.

## ONE OF ELEVEN DEFENDANTS

He Waives Immunity and Makes Statement to Federal Attorney, but Its Nature Could Not Be Determined—Other Arrests Expected.

NEW YORK, January 4.—Maurice Deiches, a New York lawyer, arrested in Philadelphia on Saturday night, was arraigned here to-day on a charge of conspiring to defraud the government in connection with the issuance of fraudulent passports. He was released on \$5,000 bail for a hearing on January 11.

Deiches is one of eleven defendants and material witnesses arrested by Federal agents in an effort to break up an alleged conspiracy to furnish German army officers and reservists with American passports to enable them to return to Germany from this country without danger of molestation by the allies. Other arrests probably will be made soon.

Federal Attorney Marshall said that Deiches, prior to arraignment, had waived immunity and made a statement to him. Its nature could not be determined. Mr. Marshall also asserted at the hearing that government agents know the whereabouts of Hans Adam von Wedell, a lawyer, who, Mr. Marshall said, is wanted in connection with the alleged conspiracy, and has been

absent from his home.

Counsel for Carl Ruroede, one of the defendants arrested in New York on Saturday, late to-day made application before United States Commissioner Houston for a reduction of his client's bail of \$20,000, in default of which he has been held in the Tombs. The application was refused. Federal Judge Hand then granted a habeas corpus writ for the appearance of Ruroede to-morrow, when the court will hear argument on the reduction of the bail. All complaints in the case have been purposely made indefinite, the only overt act alleged being that Ruroede, for purposes of conspiracy, met John Aucher on a particular date. Aucher, arrested Saturday as an associate of Ruroede, also has been held in \$20,000 bail.

## BOY HUNTER KILLED BY HIS COMPANION

LOUISBURG, N. C., January 4.—David McKinnon, aged sixteen, was shot and instantly killed to-day by Henry Ruffin, aged ten, while hunting.

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A telephone call, said to have been sent to the Virginia Hospital from a house on Porter Street, at 2 o'clock this morning, took Ambulance Surgeon Walker on a hurry call to that address. The information secured over the telephone was to the effect that a man in the house had taken poison.

The surgeon arrived, after a tire on the ambulance had been punctured, and he had been picked up by a passer-by, only to find that persons in the house denied sending in the call.



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**\$18.50** takes pick and choice of all \$27.50 and \$30 Suits and Overcoats.  
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**\$3.45** now for all Suits and Overcoats formerly \$5.00 and \$6.00.  
**\$4.45** now for all Suits and Overcoats formerly \$7.50 and \$8.00.  
**\$5.75** now for all Suits and Overcoats formerly \$8.50, \$9.00 and \$10.00.  
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Puritan Blouses, standard 50c and 65c quality; sale price... **37c**  
Soldier Boy Stockings, all sizes, regular 15c quality; sale price... **11c**  
Boys' Flannelette Pajamas, regular \$1 quality; sale price... **73c**  
Genuine Wright's Health Underwear, fleece lined, standard \$1 quality; sale price... **65c**

High Rock Fleece Underwear, standard 50c quality; sale price... **38c**  
Winter Weight Ribbed Balbriggan Underwear, 50c quality; sale price... **38c**  
Special Lot of Fine Children's Hats, values from \$1.00 to \$3.50, including fine chinchillas; sale price... **75c**

Semistiff Bosom Percale Shirts, \$1.00 and \$1.25 values; sale price... **89c**  
Boys' Woolen Gloves, neat solid colors, standard 25c quality; sale price... **19c**  
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## Official Statements

### FRENCH

PARIS, January 4.—The official statement given out in Paris this afternoon shows that the artillery fighting along the front is proceeding intermittently, and at some points with particular violence. There seems to have been few infantry attacks recently. The French again failed in an effort to occupy a German position in the Meuse country. They claim, however, further progress in Steinbach. The text of the communication follows: "From the east to the Oise the day passed in almost complete calm. The weather was rainy. There were artillery exchanges at some points of the front. In front of Noulette our heavy artillery reduced the German batteries to silence. "On the Aisne and in Champagne the cannonading was particularly violent. Our batteries showed their superiority."



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